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SUBJECT: DUTCH INTEREST IN ACOTA, HIV/AIDS PROGRAMS AND
ASSISTING UPDF ON LRA

Classified By: Political Counselor Andrew Schofer; reasons 1.4 (b) and
(d).

¶1. (S) Summary: Director of East African Affairs (and acting
DAS) Eunice Reddick met June 14 with Wepke Kingma, the
Director of the Dutch MFA's Africa Department.  Also present
on the Dutch side were Ambassador at Large for the Great
Lakes Region, Fred Radke, and Head of East and Southern
Africa Division, Wouter Plomp.  Kingma underscored the change
in Dutch position on assisting the Uganda Peoples' Defense
Force, saying the GONL is now prepared to assist the UDPF in
eliminating the Lords Resistance Army.  Kingma and Plomp also
stressed strong Dutch interest in providing personnel to
staff vacancies in our Africa Contingency Operations Training
Assistance (ACOTA) peacekeeper training programs and in
learning more from us about military-to-military HIV/AIDS
programs in Africa.  End summary.

¶2. (S) The Dutch recently informed us that they have resolved
their questions about LRA's human rights history and are
willing to provide security assistance in eliminating the
LRA.  They expressed interest in knowing more about
assistance we have provided to date, including intelligence
sharing.  Kingma repeated this to acting DAS Reddick June 14.
 To date, the Dutch have not provided concrete proposals for
the sort of assistance they might be willing to provide,
other than vague references to "security assistance."  Based
on conversations with AF/E, we suggested they contact the
UPDF and begin discussions.  Comment: Further consultations
between State, DOD, and the Dutch DATT in Washington might
now be appropriate.  End comment.

¶3. (C) Kingma may accompany Radke on a visit to Washington on
or around June 28.  They hope to meet with AF Assistant
Secretary Fraser and others.  Among topics they wish to cover

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is a Dutch proposal to raise the Northern Uganda Core Group
to a more senior level.  While not committing to the
proposal, Reddick encouraged the Dutch to visit for further
discussions on the range of Northern Uganda issues.

¶4. (C) The Dutch were extremely interested in hearing about
the range of USAID assistance programs in northern Uganda and
the possibility of further, rapid expansion.  They agree that

the relative calm right now makes possible increased programs
directed at a resolution of Acholi grievances and enhancement
of development initiatives.  They still do not see a
commitment by the Government of Uganda to resolving the long
term issues.

¶5. (U) The Dutch and we have worked closely over the past
several months to identify positions in our ACOTA programs
the Dutch might be able to fill.  We have an excellent window
of opportunity - Dutch MFA and military support for ACOTA
participation is strong now, and we should make an offer as
soon as possible.  Washington offices in State (AF/RSA) and
the Pentagon have identified Ghana as the most likely
possibility.

¶6. (U) The Dutch Ministries of Health and Foreign Affairs
have both expressed strong interest in military-to-military
HIV/AIDS programs in Africa.  They understand the importance
of HIV/AIDS treatment and prevention to any security
assistance program in Africa and are working on enhancing
awareness in the Dutch Ministry of Defense.  To this end,
five DOD HIV/AIDS specialists will arrive in The Hague June
18 for two days of consultations on US military programs in
Africa.
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